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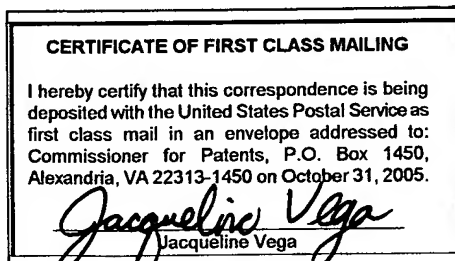
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For machine flame cutting or welding of a branch tube to a tube, a rotary transducer is attached to the chuck of the tube drive, supplying the rotary angle to a control unit. The torch is guided along the cutting or welding line while the tube is rotated via the chuck and/or drive rollers. The actual angle and/or actual speed of rotation of the tube and/or the actual radial position of the tube are measured and are corrected when they deviate from the desired values. Transmitter and receiver are fitted for measurement of speed and displacement.

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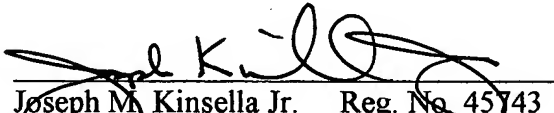
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The milling machine has a gantry with energy chain and guide track for at least one carriage, a traveling machine bed (4), a traveling machine table (5) and an automatic tool changing unit (6). The gantry is in the form of a circle-of-arc gantry (7) with both arc ends fixed to a foundation (8), and has a base body on which the guide track (9) is mounted.

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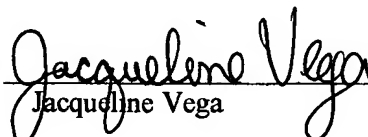
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